

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] As shown in FIGS. 4 and 5, the air tank 102 of the air compressor assembly 100 has an air inlet port 130 and an air outlet port 132, both positioned at the wall of the air tank 102. In the exemplary embodiments shown in FIGS. 4 and 5, the air inlet port 130 is located at an upper wall of the air tank 102, and the air outlet port 132 is located at a lower wall of the air tank 102. proximate the bottom of the air tank 102 where condensate collects. As used herein and in the claims, "bottom" of the tank, or "proximate to the bottom" of the tank refers to the bottom portion of the tank where condensate accumulates. It is understood that the locations of the air inlet port 130 and the air outlet port 132 at the wall of the air tank 102 may change, without departing from the scope and spirit of the present invention. The air inlet port 130 and the air outlet port 132 are openings extending through the wall of the air tank 102. However, as described below in connection with the embodiment shown in FIGS. 8 and 9, when the air outlet port 132 is located other than at the bottom of the air tank 102, an internal conduit, such as shown at 138 in FIG. 9, must be provided which extends fro the air outlet port 132 to the vicinity of the tank bottom.